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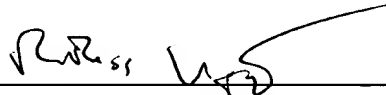
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Applicants' duty, under 37 C.F.R. § § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, to disclose all relevant material, the Applicants list below the following references believed to be relevant to the subject matter of the above-identified application:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | <u>U.S. Patent No.</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> | <u>Inventor</u> |
|----|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | 4,999,481 | March 12, 1991 | Baer et al. |
| 2. | 5,454,038 | September 26, 1995 | Cordery et al. |
| 3. | 5,648,916 | July 15, 1997 | Manduley |

OTHER DOCUMENT

1. Written Opinion, mailed on 1-12-00

Applicants respectfully submit that the invention in the above-identified application is patentably distinguishable over the cited references known to Applicants and disclosed in the above Information Disclosure Statement.

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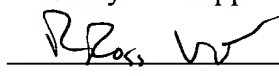
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Accompanying this transmittal is a Statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e).

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